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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, OXCART Branch, OD
                  Chief, IDEALIST Branch, OD

SUBJECT: Cable Distribution to Members
                  of the Operations Order Panel

1.   Instances have occurred wherein the Operations Order
(Opord) Panel has been convened in support of IDEALIST or OXCART
operations, and members outside of the Operations Division were not
informed on the developments of the particular operation.   These
sections, such as the Support or Materiel Divisions and the Security
or Communications Staffs, have a "need to know" of events building
up to the culmination of the formal Opord.   If message traffic refer-
ring to a proposed Opord can be distributed to these Panel members,
their resulting anexes will be improved.

2.   When an Opord is in the process of development, the IDEAL-
IST/OXCART Branches are requested to develop an identifying
slug on outgoing messages and to inform the field of its use; an
example: OXCART CPX DELTA OPORD.   This action will indicate
to the Records Branch and the Administrative Branch/OD, that the
additional routing of all messages to the Opord Panel is required.

3.   This additional distribution of operational traffic will be con-
tinued only until the particular Opord has been completed and then
transmitted to the field.   At this time both Records Branch and
Admin/OD, shall revert to the normal distribution.

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4. Alternatives to the above procedure are to maintain a master file in the particular Operations Branch for daily review by the various Panel members, or to hold a daily updating meeting of the Panel to keep it abreast of the current developments. These alternatives are not favorably considered at this time.
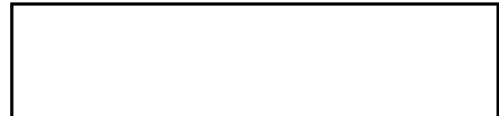
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Distribution:
#1 - OXC/OD/OSA
#2 - IDEA/OD/OSA
#3 - AD/OSA
#4 - D/FA/OSA
#5 - D/TECH/OSA
#6 - C/SD/OSA
#7 - C/SS/OSA
#8 - C/MD/OSA
#9 - C/COMMO/OSA
#10 - C/ID/OSA
#11 - C/OD/OSA
#12 - CC/OD/OSA
#13 - RB/OSA
#14 - Holdback

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